

**Staff Jurisdiction Analysis Summary
City of Sanger, Fresno County
2012-13 CalRecycle Jurisdiction Review Cycle**

Based upon review of diversion program implementation, LAMD staff recommends that Sanger (City) is meeting the requirements of AB939. The City has been responsive and kept an active, effective partnership with the hauler, and constituents. Program improvements this review cycle have added greater convenience to all sectors to increase diversion. Sanger successfully met its diversion target in 2012 and 2013 through program improvements. Diversion and recycled content procurement programs have been observed to be effective as summarized below:

- **Residential:** The City provides weekly collection under its mandatory refuse, single stream and green waste recycling program. Each residence was visited by the hauler's staff at least twice during the review period and was provided education on what is recyclable/compostable and accepted by the hauler. In 2012, the City and its hauler began an organics recycling program that accepts non-protein food waste in green waste bins. It continues to educate residents about food waste collection. Sanger has also made improvements to its website which now provides comprehensive recycling program information. The City posted information about HHW, MCR and C&D recycling on its website, including an "app" entitled "Ask" Sanger". The City also provides copies of "Turning it Around" (a directory of Fresno County recyclers) in the City Lobby and via PDF online. The hauler provides colorful bilingual brochures, and has frequent recycling messages in the local newspaper. It has also successfully provided all multifamily complexes in the City with recycling opportunities despite the challenge of spatial limitations. The hauler has worked with each complex to provide either bins or carts. Four complexes have green waste collection as well.
- **Commercial:** Recycling is marketed as "free" for commercial customers and the City offers a recycling option to all businesses. During the review period, the City has successfully added food waste to its green waste recycling efforts. The hauler conducts frequent and effective outreach to its commercial customers regarding single stream recycling service. Annual waste assessments are conducted for each commercial customer to improve the quality of recycling and to ensure they have the right size trash and recycle bins to accommodate what is generated. Waste assessments are also conducted to increase recycling and reduce contamination levels. There are challenges with scavenging of paper and cardboard.
- **MCR:** The City and the hauler have collaborated to ensure MCR requirements are met. This was accomplished through, visiting each business, assessing the waste stream, educating staff, monitoring progress and providing ongoing outreach and education assistance. Since each business is seen every year, it creates an accountability for the commercial customer to recycle. The City has implemented a mandatory commercial recycling (MCR) program that includes working with the hauler to distribute information through utility bill inserts, flyers to commercial customers, new business license applications and renewals, move-in packets, and to provide direct contact twice a year to businesses via waste assessments. It has not only met the MCR requirements, but it has also included non-MCR businesses in the effort, achieving 100% participation.

- **Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris:** The City of Sanger has a C&D ordinance/policy, and does incorporate CALGreen into its overall C&D program. It is implementing a comprehensive C&D program that includes education and outreach, tracking, monitoring and reporting. There were some staffing challenges during this review period but the current building official is working diligently with contactors and the C & D haulers to ensure all are educated and that participation is monitored and projects are properly tracked. The new hauler/disposal service provider is diligent and experienced at tracking C&D tonnages accurately and provides necessary reports to the City.
- **Government:** The City provides employees with convenient recycling opportunities and good program information. Desk containers are placed for recycling in all offices and double sided photocopying is a common practice. The City managed its greenwaste by grasscycling and chipping tree and shrub clippings. Wood chips were made available, at no cost, to local farmers and the public. The City has faced severe budget cutbacks so this was one way of achieving source reduction. An environmentally preferable policy encourages the procurement of recycled-content products. Recycled content products more commonly purchased since the City amended its procurement policy.